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SUBJ: INTERNAL SITUATION IN OAXACA STATE

SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTS, BOTH MEXICAN AND INTERNATIONAL, OF VIOLENCE IN OAXACA STATE HAVE BASIS IN FACT BUT PROBABLY GIVE A SOMEWHAT ALARMIST IMPRESSION OF POSSIBLE DANGER TO TOURISTS. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, WE ARE SUGGESTING TRAVELERS AVOID TOWNS OF JUCHITAN AND TEHUANTEPEC FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS BUT DO NOT THINK A GENERAL TRAVEL ADVISORY IS NECESSARY OR WARRANTED. POLITICAL ASPECTS OF SITUATION BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY. POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN MEXICAN STATE OF OAXACA, FESTERING FOR ABOUT LAST SIX MONTHS, HAVE SURFACED WITH SOME VIOLENCE DURING LAST WEEK TO TEN DAYS, WITH PRESS REPORTS, BOTH MEXICAN AND INTERNATIONAL, OF "CAMPELINO MASSACRES" IN JUCHITAN AND SAN JUAN LALANA. LATTER TOWN IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH IN ANY EVENT, BUT JUCHITAN IS ON PANAMERICAN HIGHWAY JUST EAST OF TEHUANTEPEC.

2. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME VIOLENCE IN STATE CAPITAL (ALSO KNOWN AS OAXACA), WHERE THE POLITICAL PROBLEM HAS ITS ROOTS. MEXICAN SENATE HAS INVESTIGATING COMMISSION IN OAXACA NOW TAKING TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES, WHICH IS ACCOUNTING IN PART FOR LURID PRESS REPORTS, AS ALLEGED
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VICTIMS ATTEMPT TO GET THEIR SIDE OF STORY ON RECORD BEFORE GROUP FROM MEXICO CITY. OAXACA CITY IN LAST TWO DAYS WAS LARGELY SHUT DOWN AS RESULT OF MERCHANTS STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF EMBATTLED STATE GOVERNOR, BUT SERVICES, WITH EXCEPTION OF BUS SERVICE, HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL.

3. WE SEE NO PROBLEM FOR TRAVELING US CITIZENS IN ANY PART OF STATE SO LONG AS NORMAL COMMON SENSE AND PRUDENCE IS USED IN AVOIDING CROWDS AND POLITICAL RALLIES. BUT WE WILL TELL ANYONE INQUIRING THAT THEY MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO AVOID OVERNIGHT STOPS IN TEHUANTEPEC AND JUCHITAN IF THEY ARE TRAVELING SOUTH ON PANAM HIGHWAY.
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